

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before paragraph 1, please insert the following:

A1

--1. **Field of the Invention.**--

After paragraph 1, please insert the following:

A2

--2. **Description of the Related Art.**--

[13] Figure 2 is a cross-sectional illustration taken along the lines 2-2II-II in Figure 1.

[20] Figures 1 and 2 schematically illustrate a belt assembly 20 that is designed for use in an elevator system. A plurality of cords 22 are aligned generally parallel to a longitudinal axis 23 of the belt assembly 20. In one example, the cords 22 are made of strands of steel wire.